



CALTRANS TRAFFIC ALERT

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Afternoon ramp metering to begin on Three State Highway 99 on-ramps

Sacramento - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will begin activating in July and August the ramp meters on three on-ramps to northbound State Highway 99 during the afternoon commutes.

The 47th Avenue, Fruitridge Road, and 12th Avenue on-ramp ramp meters are currently in operation during the morning peak periods. Starting **July 6**, the **47th Avenue** ramp meters will be activated during the afternoon peak periods. Then, on **July 20**, the **Fruitridge Road** ramp meters will be activated during the same period. And finally, starting **August 3**, the **12th Avenue** ramp meters will begin operation during afternoon peak periods. The activation hours will be between **3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays**.

Afternoon ramp metering for the northbound Highway 99 corridor is part of an effort to relieve congestion on the Capital City Freeway (aka State Highway 51) and provide for safer merging in this freeway segment. Afternoon congestion is severe on the northbound Capital City Freeway. The congestion queue starts at T Street and backs up to the Elvis railroad crossing at E Street. Traffic from northbound Highway 99 worsens this congestion.

Roadside message boards will be placed at the ramp locations to advise the public of the pending activation. As always, Caltrans urges motorists to use caution on all freeways and highways and to "Slow for the Cone Zone".

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